A.—(1) to (3) Up to the 22nd January 1923—the date fixed by the Select Committee for the receipt of representations about the Bill—249 representations were received. It is not possible to classify these according as they are in favour or against the Bill as in many cases the same representation is in favour of some provisions of the Bill and against others. It is difficult to say whether representations are on behalf of mutts or not, but the number of representations which are clearly headed as from or on behalf of a mutt or a matadhipati is 27.

(4) Twenty-six sets of witnesses offered themselves for examination.

(5) Twelve were selected for examination but one of these did not appear to give evidence.

Murder cases committed and detected in the Presidency.

902 *Q.*—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state for the year 1921–22 the number of murder cases, the number detected and punished in the Madras Presidency?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to statement A in Appendix A, and paragraph 15 of the Police Administration Report for the year 1921 and paragraph 14 of the High Court's Review of the Criminal Statistics for 1921. Figures for 1922 are not yet available.

Improvement of religious and charitable endowments.

903 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table all the Bills considered by the Government from 1850 till now regarding the improvement of the religious and charitable endowments and trusts?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Bills published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* at the following pages:—

(1) Pages 1–3 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* Supplement, dated 31st March 1896.

(2) Pages 1–3 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* Supplement, dated 13th April 1897.

(3) Pages 101–103 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part III, dated 30th September 1919.

Mamul wet survey operations.

904 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the mamul wet survey operations were started in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts;

(*b*) when they were closed and why; and

(*c*) the net recurring gain that accrued to the Government from the mamul wet survey operations in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts by levying fasaljasti and water-rates in respect of non-mamul wet areas in the whole inam and zamindari villages of these districts?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The nilamul wet survey operations in the Trichinopoly district were begun in April 1914 and completed in July 1916, while those in the Tanjore district which were begun in May 1915 were postponed pending the sanction of the Cauvery-Mettur Reservoir project.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

Number of posts in Imperial services open to Provincial services.

905 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to furnish a statement showing the number of superior posts in the Indian Civil Service and other Imperial services and the number of such posts listed as open to the Provincial services on the 1st of January 1923?

A.—The Imperial Services in which superior posts are definitely listed as open to members of the Provincial Services are—

	Number of superior posts.	Number listed.
Indian Civil Service	96	11
Indian Police	40	4
Indian Forest Service	61	7

In the other services the methods of recruitment are such that no question of listing arises.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I know the distinction or distinctions between superior and inferior posts in this All-India service?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"Distinction in what respect, may I know?"

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"In respect of pay or any other distinction which I do not know."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"So far as my memory at least, goes there is a difference in pay of at least Rs. 1,000."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"If there is any proportion between the superior and inferior services, I should like to know."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not remember the proportion exactly at the present moment."

Appointments and dismissals in the Registration department.

906 *Q.*—Khan Sahib A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of travelling allowances drawn by the present Inspector-General of Registration in 1922 and 1923 as compared with that of the previous Inspector-General in the years 1920 and 1921;

(*b*) the number of sub-registrars, clerks and peons dismissed by the present Inspector-General in the years 1922 and 1923 by way of retrenchment or otherwise;